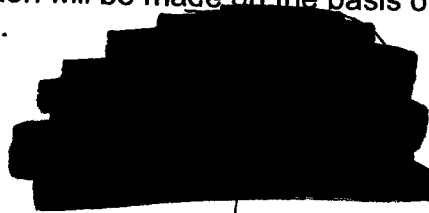


# PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

1. **AUTHORITY:** (1) COMDTINST M5830.1; (2) COMDTINST 5810.1D
2. **PRINCIPLE PURPOSES:** The information solicited will be used for the following purposes:
  - a. To establish the facts and circumstances surrounding the deaths of LT Jessica Hill and BM2 Steven Duque on 17 August 2006 on board the USCGC HEALY.
  - b. To make any determinations required in the course of U.S. Coast Guard administration.
3. **ROUTINE USES:** To assist U.S. Coast Guard Management decision-making.
4. **CONSEQUENCES OF FAILURE TO DISCLOSE:** Disclosure is *voluntary*, but if you do not provide the requested information, any determinations or evaluations made as a result of this investigation will be made on the basis of the evidence contained in the investigative record.



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Below is a summary of interview of [REDACTED] conducted by the AIM informal board on August 21, 2006 concerning the diving incident which resulted in two deaths on August 17, 2006. AIM board member present at the interview was LCDR [REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] years old, a native of [REDACTED] and a student at [REDACTED]. He has been working in HEALY as a science watch stander during his summer vacation. His general watch routine is 0001-0800, seven days a week.

On August 17, 2006 he stood his normal watch from 0001-0800. After watch, he went to sleep and woke up to a pipe announcing ice liberty. He got dressed, grabbed his camera, and went down the brow to participate in ice liberty activities. The pipe was the first time he officially heard about ice liberty.

Once on the ice he grabbed a Corona or two and went over to watch his fellow countryman, [REDACTED] dive into the water for a polar bear swim. After the polar bear swim he watched and participated in a spirited game of American football.

Toward the end of the football game he heard the ship's bell ring three times and began walking over toward the dive side. As he approached the dive side he noticed several people taking part in polar bear diving near the ship. The majority of polar bear diving was taking place about 40 feet away from the dive side right off the port bow of the ship. However, he did notice one person dive into the water just to the right of the dive side.

While the polar bear dives were taking place he remembers a tall coast guardsman asking for help pulling on the ropes to bring the divers to the surface. So, he helped pull on the rope that he later learned was LT Hill's. He labeled the diagram with the personnel who helped pull on the ropes.

He remembers pulling slowly as directed by the tall coast guardsman. He does not remember exactly how slowly, but they were trying to pull slowly. He remembers the divers coming out of the water and how they seemed to be dead. He saw pink liquid coming out of both of their mouths as they came out of the water. Once they were on the ice he got out of the way so others could assist with CPR.

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